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FROM AMB WOLLE MUSCAT

ATHENS FOR ATO, BEIRUT FOR RCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE TO AND FROM MUSCAT

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1. BEFORE MAKING DECISION ON COMMENCING STANDARD OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, AND SETTING DATE TO BEGIN, AMBASSADOR REQUESTS UP-TO-DATE READING ON EXPECTED TIMING OF ESTABLISHMENT FULL-TIME TCU POSITION, AND PROSPECTS FOR HAVING THEN-VACANT CLERICAL POSITION WHICH SULLIVAN NOW OCCUPYING FILLED AT EARLY DATE THEREAFTER.

2. AGREE ENTIRELY WITH PARA 2 REF A THAT WHEN BOTH FULL-TIME C AND R AND TCU COMMUNICATORS ARE ON JOB WE CAN ENVISAGE STANDARD DTS OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, SIVERSON'S SEPT 11 ARRIVAL PLACES US ONLY HALFWAY TOWARD THAT STAGE, FOR PARA 1 REF A INDICATES FULL-TIME TCU COMMUNICATOR NOT EXPECTED MUSCAT SOON. WHILE I SHARE WASHINGTON'S BELIEF THAT SULLIVAN FULLY CAPABLE AND WILLING TO HANDLE RECEIPT AND TRANSMISSION EMBASSY TRAFFIC FROM NOW ON, FACT REMAINS THAT THIS WOULD BE AT SOME EXPENSE TO HIS OTHER ASSIGNED DUTIES AND WOULD INVOLVE ADDITIONAL OVERTIME. BELIEVE IT WISE, AND ONLY
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FAIR TO SULLIVAN WHOSE ALREADY HEAVY WORKLOAD BEING INCREASED,

BEFORE WE START DOWN THIS ROAD TO KNOW INsofar AS POSSIBLE
WHEN ADDITIONAL PERSON MAY BE EXPECTED.
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